CESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): The industries coming under the purview of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are those listed in item No. 27 of the first schedule of the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act and also non-molases based alcohol and beer. Various agricultural products such as rice, wheat, fruits and vegetables, milk meat & fish etc. are utilised for processing.

Most of the food processing industries are delicensed. Food Processing Industries are in the organised, unorganised and cooperative sectors.

Maintenance of stock registers in the field Administrative Cell of CWTS in U.P. and Bihar

1003. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether regular stock registers are maintained for raw materials showing procurement and issue in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the Field Administrative Cell;

(b) whether handing over of stock has been effected as per Government instructions whenever there is a change of staff in the store of Field Administrative Cell and Service Centre and if so, the number of occasions when such changes have been made; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what action has been taken to fix responsibility for derilection, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. There were seven occasions when such changes were made in respect of Assistant Director in charge of stores.

(c) Does not arise.

Construction of hotels of the model of Ashok Yatri Niwas

1004. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:
SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) What are the proposals under Government's consideration for construction of hotels on the model of Ashok Yatri Niwas in different parts of the country; and

(b) What is the amount earmarked for this purpose during 1990-91?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan for 1990-91 includes a provision of Rs. 50 lakhs for acquiring a suitable site in Calcutta to set up an Ashok Yatri Niwas type project. However, its construction would depend, *inter-alia*, upon availability of suitable plot on reasonable price, and economic viability of the project.

Decline in procurement of iron ore by MMTC from Orissa

1005. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC has reduced its procurement of iron ore from Orissa mines for export purposes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to increase the procurement as well as export of iron ore from Orissa mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) MMTC has recently agreed to provide incentives for systematic and scientific development of mines and also for increasing the output and procurement of iron ore.

Vacancies of Judges

1006. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of judges are still lying vacant in a number of High Courts;

(b) what is the number of posts of judges filled up by the end of April, 1990; and

(c) what are the details of the steps being taken to fill up the remaining vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) As on 1-5-1990, 87 posts of Judges were lying vacant in various High Courts out of the total sanctioned strength of 463 posts.

(b) Since 1-1-90 till 30th April, 1990, 20 fresh appointments of Judges were made in different High Courts.

(c) Nearly 40 proposals relating to appointment of Judges in the High Courts of Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Patna, and Punjab & Haryana are in an advanced stage of consultation.

Functioning of regional rural banks in Orissa

1007. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Rural Banks in Orissa are not functioning satisfactorily;

(b) whether there is a need to revamp the structure and management of the Regional Rural Banks in Orissa; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) There are at present 9 Regional Rural Banks functioning in Orissa covering all the 13 districts in the State. These Regional Rural Banks had 790 branches, mobilised deposits of Rs. 100.51 crores and their outstanding advances stood at Rs. 174.23 crores at the end of June 1988 thus having a credit deposit ratio of 173 per cent as compared to All India figure of 99 per cent. The average business per branch of Regional Rural Banks in Orissa is Rs. 34.80 lakhs as against Rs. 36.00 lakhs per branch for all the Regional Rural Banks taken together.

The financial position of the Regional Rural Banks which are incurring losses is being monitored by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development every quarter and remedial action is suggested to them as well as to their sponsor banks. There is no proposal at present to revamp the structure and management of the Regional Rural Banks in the country including those functioning in the State of Orissa.

High prices of synthetic and Synthetic blended fabrics

1008. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the studies carried out by the Market Survey Reaserch Wing of the Textile Committee there is a high mark up between the ex-mill price of synthetic and synthetic blended fabrics and the retail price of these fabrics;

(b) if so, what exactly is the mark up between the ex-mill prices and the retail prices;